Buffalo. July 4, 1864.

Dear Gray:

Immediately on receipt of your Chron. Invitical demand for mine, I donned my boots, walked out (4-5 m.) to the locality of Lobbinsia, & after long search, found ensconced in a patch of Lespedeza, a few yet distinguishable Stumps in the area of Lobbinsia, from which despite rattlers & moschetoes, I managed to secure the inclosed. I send you every switch & twig that dirty little Scirpus. It was collected by me June 15, in a sphagnous cranberry marsh - in the Sphagnum - in shade - It grew scatteringly - I saw but little - should have got more, but for the fact that I was drawn off from it, either by my companion's discovering Lonicera dioica or my observing Carex hirsuta. I visited the swamp again, June 30th & could not find it. The same swamp grows a small flowered Typha - leaves like those

of P. chlorantha, flowers beautifully pink-
ished externally - somewhat umbrella-
very pretty. I presume it is the one
Torrey wanted to make a species of, but
retracted - Believe he put it under R. rotundi-
which it does resemble nearly as much
as it does chlorantha - speaking from
memory.

Having nearly to believe, from one
old letter of Lindl. Thomas to me, that
he cultivated the Californica. I write
to his son for seed.

Yours ever

J. W. Chickering.

Prof. A. Gray.

Rumex is villanous. We have what
seems to be R. alt. and what seems to
be crispus, only the valves are plainly
& much toothed.